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SUBJECT: FORD-KREISKY MEETING IN SALZBURG: ISSUES PAPER -
VIENNA AS THIRD UN CITY

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1. CHANCELLOR KREISKY NEVER MISSES AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOBBY ON
BEHALF OF MAKING VIENNA A THIRD UN CITY, IN ADDITION TO NEW
YORK, AND GENEVA, AND WILL PROBABLY RAISE SUBJECT IN SOME
CONTEXT OR OTHER WITH PRESIDENT FORD.

2. THE ABSENCE OF A CLEAR-CUT DECISION BY THE UN CONCERNING
ITS FUTURE USE OF "UN CITY" NOW BEING BUILT IN VIENNA AND
PERIODIC RUMORS ABOUT POSSIBLE RELOCATION OF UNIDO FROM
VIENNA ARE CAUSE OF UNEASINESS IN GOA CIRCLES. THE UN CITY
PROJECT, LARGEST OF ITS KIND IN AUSTRIA, INVOLVES SUBSTANTIAL
EXPENDITURES OF TAX MONEY AND GOA CORRECTLY ANTICIPATES
OPPOSITION MAKING ISSUE OF SUBJECT IN UPCOMING NATIONAL
ELECTION CAMPAIGN. KREISKY THEREFORE HAS MAJOR
POLITICAL STAKE IN UN MAKING FULL USE OF VIENNA AS
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THIRD UN CITY AND TO DO SO HE WILL, IF NECESSARY,

SUPPORT COMMUNIST COUNTRIES AND "THIRD WORLD" ON UN ISSUES
NOT IMMEDIATELY AFFECTING IMPORTANT AUSTRIAN
NATIONAL INTERESTS.

3. THE GOA HAS MOVED TO OVERCOME ONE POSSIBLE OBJECTION
TO EXPANDING UN PRESENCE IN VIENNA, NAMELY ABSENCE OF
ANY EXEMPTION FOR DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY TO VALUE-ADDED
TAX. IT HAS PUT BEFORE DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY A PROPOSAL
FOR MAJOR EXEMPTION OF OFFICIAL EXPENDITURES OF DIPLOMATIC
MISSIONS AND MODERATE EXEMPTION OF EXPENDITURES OF
DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL. DIPLOMATIC COMMUNITY APPEARS
FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO PROPOSAL AND WILL PROBABLY ACCEPT
IT SHORTLY.

3. TALKING POINTS CONTAINED IN NOVEMBER 1974 PAPER
PREPARED FOR KREISKY VISIT TO US REQUIRE UPDATING TO
REFLECT FOREGOING AND ALSO DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS AND INSTRUCTIONS
IN RECENT TELEGRAMS CONCERNING POSSIBLE SHIFT FROM
GENEVA TO VIENNA OF CERTAIN UN UNITS. BUCHANAN

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